THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) to (c) According to the Delhi Administration, the words 'emergent and ad-hoc basis' were used in the appointment letters of Post-Graduate Teachers in 1987-88 under East District. The Corrigenda have already been issued for deletion of the words 'emergent and ad-hoc basis' in the said appointment letters of PGTs.

Relaxation of Rules for acquiring Ships

3225. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to relax rules for acquiring ships;

(b) if so what are the salient features threeof; and

(c) to what extent the private shipping companies would be benefited and the growth of shipping industry would be boosted as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) Government have issued orders/revised guidelines simplifying procedures and relaxing rules on the acquisition of ships. These include'—

(i) A revised composite application form for ship acquisition by private companies;

(ii) Revised guidelines for Pari-Passu obligations;

(iii) Revised age norms relating to economic life of vessels to be acquired and minimum balance period at the time of acquisition;

(iv) Allowing acquisition of ships for cross trade subject to specific conditions;

(v) Permitting acquisition of ships upto 25 per cent in excess of assessed requirements;

(vi) Allowing placement of orders on Indian shipyards without reference to assessed requirements;

(c) It is hoped that these revised guidelines/relaxation of rules would help private shipping companies to acquire additional ships speedily and at economic rates. This would result in augmenting the national tonnage and also lead to the creation of a stronger and financially viable shipping industry.

Development of Bhubaneshwar Airport

3226. SHRI JAGADISH JANI:
SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal for strengthening Bhubaneshwar airport;

(b) if so the specific steps taken in this regard so far and the amount sanctioned for the purpose; and

(c) what other steps are proposed to be taken for strengthening and modernising the airport?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The secondary runway has been recarpetted. The work on strengthening of the main runway to PCN-55 and other associated pavements for limited Airbus operations is in progress. A sum of Rs. 5.74 crores has been sanctioned for this scheme. It is proposed to extend the existing

runway by 1590 ft. subject to the State Government providing the land.

Railway Line from Rajgrih to Bodhgaya

3227. SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA JAYAWANTRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the places like Buddhist circuit the oldest university of Nalanda, Rajgrih, Bodhgaya, Sarnath; Kushinagar, Lumbini, Varshvash and Sharvasti are having no direct rail link;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to give approval for the construction of new line i.e. Rajgarh-Bodhgaya, Gorakhpur-Kushinagar and Gonda-Sharvasti and for the conversion of Gaya-Patna single line into double line;

(c) whether Government have also received any complaints/memoranda in this regard; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof and what action Government propose to take in this matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Representations have been received for construction of Gajgrih-Bodhgaya rail line and doubling of Patna-Gaya rail line.

Survey for Rajgrih-Gaya new rail line was conducted and the project was bound to be financially unremunerative.

As regards doubling of Patna-Gaya rail line, a survery was carried out to assess works required to improve line capacity on this section. According to the recommendatios made in the Survey Report, the following works, costing about Rs. 6.35 crores, have been included in the Budget for 1988-89, for augmentation of sectional capacity:—

(i) Tokenless block working.

(ii) Conversion of Potahi halt into crossing station.

(iii) Additional platform at Jehanabad.

Election of Chief of Archery Association of India

3228. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleas edto state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Shri Vijay Kumar Malhotra has been elected as the Chief of Archery Association of India (AAI) in violation of Government's guidelines; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MARGARET ALVA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government propose to take action in accordance with its Guidelines on Operation Excellence which provide, *inter alia* that no Office bearer of a Federation shall hold office consecutively for more than 2 terms or 8 years.

Removal of vendor's fro m Railway land at Jogbani Railway Station

3229 SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several vendors, occupying Railway land for